

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his indication that claim 3-5, 7-8 and 11-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph. A Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 is being submitted herewith. No new matter is presented.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 3, 4 and 14 are objected to because of grammatical informalities. Applicant has corrected claims 3, 4 and 14 as requested. It is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 9, 10 and 12 (as well as depending claims 2-8, 11 and 13-16) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to correct the antecedent basis problem and to correct the informality noted by the Examiner. Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 15-16 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Ohuchi et al. (US 2004/0144491A1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131 is being filed herewith. It is respectfully submitted that this declaration establishes conception of the invention prior to the effective date of Ohuchi, coupled with diligence to the effective filing of this application (December 15, 2003). Therefore, Ohuchi is not a valid prior art reference to this application.

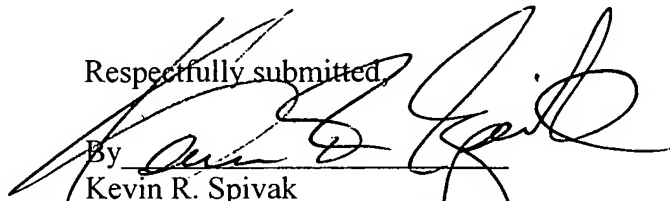
It is submitted Ohuchi does not render the presently pending claims obvious. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 15-16 is therefore earnestly solicited.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required

relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing **543822003300**.

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